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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Presented for filing is a new original patent application of:

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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THIN METAL OXIDE FILM  
Attorney Doc. No.: 0052/035002

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	29
Pages of Claims	4
Pages of Abstract	1
Sheets of Formal Drawings	15
Pages of Preliminary Amendment	27
Pages of Declaration	
(copy from the prior application)	8
Pages of Information Disclosure Statement	1
PTO-1449 Form (in duplicate)	1
Cited References	15

Basic filing fee	375.00
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9.00	0.00
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$42.00	0.00
Multiple dependent claims	0.00
Total filing fee:	\$ 375.00

The \$375.00 fee for filing this application is currently due. Please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0052/035002. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. It is believed that this fee covers all of the required fees for filing this application, however, if any additional fees are required, please charge these required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0052/035002.

This new application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application number 09/673,920 filed on December 13, 2000, currently pending.

Applicants hereby claim Small Entity Status.



Transmittal Letter

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Applicants respectfully continue to claim priority under 35 USC 119 to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 10-115461 filed on April 24, 1998 and 10-277492 filed on September 30, 1998. The certified copies of these applications were filed and they were made of record in the prior application.

Also enclosed is a copy of PCT/ISA/210, International Search Report.

If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if any additional fee is required, or if it appears that a telephone conference would helpfully advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at 202-530-5900.

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